Philada, Oct. 4. 1858.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 30th ult. was sent on to me in this city, where I have been passing the last twelve days. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiries upon the subject which you mention.

In the comparatively few papers of every description which relate to my Father's early life, I can now refer to one only which alludes to his ministerial studies. This is a certificate of his being licensed to preach, and is signed by two or three ministers of Hampshire County – the region around Northampton Mass. where he was then residing. I cannot give the date of this paper, as it is now at my house in Portland. Whether he & Dr Buckminster had any nominal teacher, or followed simply their own guidance in those

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troubled revolutionary times, and whether your Father's course was similar to that which by way of alternative I am supposing to have been theirs, I have no means of ascertaining.

Should I, after returning to Portland, discover any thing among my father's papers that will aid your inquiries I will apprise you. Your Father's high character (I refer to the brief notice of him in the American Pulpit) seems to call for a fuller Memoir, so far as this is practicable.

Believe me, Dear Sir, to be very respectfully
& truly yours,
W. T. Dwight.

Rev. Dr Robinson.